













## Extracts.

**THE VOICE IN THE FINE.**  
What voice is that? What voice is that?  
Which, though it rings of all the winds seem far,  
Nor even the whisper of a leaf is known,  
Makes this for ever its mysterious tone?  
From out the whispering fine-voiced shadow world?  
Ah, come it be the voice of the sea?  
Doth some lone deep, lone, lone, lone, lone,  
Proning yet bright, bright, bright, bright,  
And wildly beating all the world through,  
That strange unearthly music of the deep?  
Or, can it be the voice of the storm?  
And driven far inland from the roaring sea,  
Some baffled ocean-spirit, worn and lost,  
Here, through the summer's death and winter's frost,  
Yours for the sharp sweet tones of the sea?  
What's the spell, I hearken and I dream,  
Dream-touched, and musing in the tranquil moon,  
All woodland sounds—the pleasure's joyous din,  
The mock-hill's fumes, the drowsy insect hum—  
Search hard for that weird, sorrowful voice!  
Beneath the drowsed seas, from deep to deep,  
Of spiritual life, its mortal mortal flows,  
Stream-like, with gentle tide, whose currents keep,  
Low murmuring (twist the hands of grief and sleep,  
No locked for eye from sleep's divine repose).

**QUEEN ELIZABETH AND THE MAYOR OF FOLKESTONE.**  
On this occasion her Majesty was passing through Folkestone, when, according to the old record, she came upon the Right Worshipful the Mayor, surrounded by the chief inhabitants of the town. The Mayor, in acknowledgment of the honor, she was accompanied with a 1000, on which he stood, and, bowing to his Sovereign, said—  
Most Gracious Queen,  
Welcome to Folkestone.  
Where the gracious Queen replied—  
Most Gracious friend,  
Get off that stool.  
So commendably brief an address deserved a kinder reception. — *Gentleman's Magazine.*

**THE LAW IN WISCONSIN—A FUNNY STORY.**  
Some legal proceedings of unusual interest took place the other day in a Wisconsin court. At Wausau, in that State, a shoemaker had the misfortune to sell a pair of shoes entrusted to him to mend, for which he was sued by the owner of the property. The case was employed a distinguished member of the bar to conduct the case, the shoemaker engaging a lawyer named Morgan, and the owner of the shoes one named Monagan. On the day of the trial the shoemaker was "on the stand," and his answers not being satisfactory to Monagan, that gentleman informed him that he was a liar. This charge, which Monagan, the counsel for the defence, who thereupon knocked his learned brother down; and, in the language of the local reporter, "pounded him a little." The sheriff declined to interfere, on the ground of want of jurisdiction; he decided that they were not trying the case, and therefore not called upon to interfere, while the court maintained a distance until the two lawyers had settled their little difficulty, when it was decided that Monagan's punishment was deserved, and the case was ordered to proceed. Another hitch, however, arose. The jury declined to deliver their verdict, on the ground that they had not been paid their fees; and, finally, the matter was not forthcoming, the foreman walked off with the verdict in his pocket. Mr. Morgan was very much annoyed at this termination of the case, for he had not only failed to get a verdict in his client's favor, but had himself been "pounded." A compromise was, however, effected the next day, for meeting the defendant in the street, Monagan, on looking at his client, settled the matter by severely "pounding" the shoemaker.

## SCENE ON AN AMERICAN STEAM-BOAT.

On the forward deck, when we were under way again, amid a group reading and nodding in the sunshine, we found a pretty girl with complexion and figure of which we knew by intuition as the "pat" of the pretty girl and of our night of anguish. The pat might have been a clergyman in a small way, or the proprietor of a female boarding school; at any rate, an excellent and improving person to travel with, whose willingness to impart information made even the travelling long for a pat. It was no part of his plan of this family summer excursion, upon which he had come against his wish, to hold an open volume in his hand, and was questioning his daughter on its contents. He spoke in a loud voice, and without heeding the timidity of the young lady, who shrank from this public examination and begged her father not to continue it. The parent was, however, either proud of his daughter's acquirement, or he thought it a good opportunity to shame her out of her ignorance. Doubtless, we said, he is instructing her upon the geography of the region we are passing through, its early history, when French and English fought over it, and so is making this a tour of profit as well as pleasure. But the excellent and pottering father proved to be no disciple of the new education. Greece was his theme, and he got his questions, and his answers too, from the ancient school history in his hand.

## MESMERISM.

Mesmerism presents some curious phenomena, not at all altogether inexplicable. A mesmerized patient may be made to believe anything, do anything. His intellect will appear to be completely subject to the will of the operator, and all the objects of the will of the operator may be made to believe, however, that the mesmerized person does not really will to do the things which he does; that the will of the operator, as is sometimes affirmed, takes the place of his will. The power of the operator really results from his presenting motives to action (his commands are such), and, as a result, belief (his suggestions are such), which carry away the mind of the patient from the idea being in a state to weigh motives and reasons against another. In our normal waking states, our conduct and our faith are determined by the manifold knowledge we possess. When occasion requires, our past experiences rise before us, and help to guide us. The mind, in a state of belief, is composed, reminiscent. But in a state of belief, the patient is, mysteriously, cut off from his past knowledge, and even in some measure, though not entirely, from his past habits and tendencies. He is put in a state of isolation. In that position the voice of the operator becomes the voice of the gods, and the patient obeys him to do certain things; he does them for the command is the strongest motive present to his mind. The operator makes certain absurd statements; he implicitly believes them, for the affirmation is the strongest reason for believing that he can in the circumstances possess the power to make his suggestions effective. The operator puts him in a peculiar attitude, and the quick man, instead of becoming combative, for the posture suggests the feeling. The operator changes his position, and patters his face into a smile, and the man begins to laugh and to jest; for as inward gladness wreathes the face with smiles, so in the measure state the "wreathed smile" is the "wreathed smile" of the operator. After all, these phenomena are not greatly different from those of ordinary sleep. In our dreams the most ridiculous circumstances happen, but they do not seem to us ridiculous. The most preposterous things are said by the visionary personages with whom we hold intercourse; but they all seem reasonable and true. We have no power of questioning—no tendency to skepticism. Implicit faith is characteristic of all dreamers, and that just because they are cut off from the means of correcting false impressions. The mind will always be led captive by the thought which for the time possesses it, for there is no other power here than the power in which dreams have been suggested by whispering into the ears of persons asleep, just as hallucinations are suggested by the operator to the persons in the mesmeric trance. — *A New Theory of Knowing and Knowing.* By John Cunningham, D.D.

## DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND.

Grouse, an officer in a cavalry regiment in India, was stationed at Calcutta, and in a dragon regiment at Calcutta was a gentleman, I shall call C., well-known in those days as a particularly clever fellow in all related to horseflesh, and if you got the better of him, you had only the devil to beat; but he met his match in our respectable friend Grouse. Grouse had a very nice mare, and C. had a very nice dog-cart, which he tried very hard to exchange for the mare; but each was afraid of the other's well-known abilities, so that they could come to no agreement. One Sunday morning C. drove over from Calcutta, and breakfasted at the mess of the 150th. Nothing was said until they were smoking their cigars, when C. broached the subject.  
"Well, Grouse, what about the mare? I'll give you forty pounds and the dog-cart for her."  
"I must have forty-five pounds," said the answer, but after some argument, forty pounds was agreed upon.  
"I was delighted, for he thought he had his man upon the hip."  
"It's a bargain, Grouse, it is not? No crying off," said C., replied Grouse.  
"Well, I'm sorry to tell you," said C., "that yesterday my black mare kicked the dog-cart into smithereens, and you had better send over to Calcutta for the pieces."  
"You're just the infernal rogue I thought you," replied the victim, "but come over to the stables and get your money, and then I'll have nothing else to do with you in future."  
"I'm sorry," accompanied by C., Grouse, they proceeded to the stables.  
"Now, my man," said Grouse, "go in and bring out the mare."  
The man went in, but quickly came out and said to the horrified master, "The mare's dead, sir."  
"Just so," said Grouse. "About the time your cart was kicked to pieces yesterday, your mare died, so take her body out of this." — *Reminiscences of a Soldier.* by Colonel W. K. Stuart.

**A MARTYR TO SCIENCE.**  
On an Etruscan vase in the Louvre figures of children are seen blowing bubbles. Those children probably enjoyed their occupation just as modern children do. Our admiration of the beautiful and delicate forms, growing and developing themselves, the feeling that it is in our breath which is blowing dirty soap bubbles, and the feeling of the fear lest by an irrelevant touch we may cause the gorgeous vision to vanish with a splutter of soapy water in our eyes, our wistful gaze as we watch the perfect bubble when it sails away from the pipe's mouth to join, somewhere in the sky, all the other beautiful bubbles which have vanished before it, assure us that whatever our mortal age may be, we are of the same family as those Etruscan children. Here, for instance, we have a book, in two volumes, octavo, written by a distinguished man of science, and occupied for the most part with the theory and practice of bubble-blowing. Can the poetry of bubbles be such a thing? Will not the love of bubbles which have floated before the eyes of untold generations collapse at the rude touch of science, and "yield their place to cold material laws?" No, we need go no further than this book and its author to learn that the beauty and mystery of natural phenomena may make such an impression on the human mind that no physical obstacle can ever check the course of thought and study which it has once called forth. M. Plateau in all his researches seems to have selected for his study those phenomena which exhibit some remarkable beauty of form or colour. In the zeal with which he devoted himself to the investigation of the laws of the subjective impressions of colour, he has not only opened up a new field of study, but has ever since been blind. But in spite of this great loss he has continued for many years to carry on experiments such as those described in this book, on the forms of liquid masses and films, which he himself can never see or handle, but from which he gathers the materials of science as they are furnished to him by the hands, eyes, and minds of devoted friends. So perfect has been the co-operation with which these experiments have been carried out, that there is hardly a single expression in the book to indicate that the measures which he took and the colour which he observed were not observed by him, not in the ordinary way, but through the mediation of other persons. Which, now, is the more poetical idea—the Etruscan boy blowing bubbles for himself, or the blind man of science teaching his friends how to blow them, and making out by a tedious process of question and answer the conditions of the form and tints which he can never see? — *Nature.*

## CHANGING HIS MIND—A GOOD STORY.

A wealthy man, who owns a country residence, recently became dissatisfied with it, and determined to have another, and it was not long before he had selected his new place. He had the advertisement inserted in the papers for private sale, but to conceal the location, telling purchasers to apply at his office. In a few days the gentleman happened to see the advertisement, and was pleased with the account of the place, and he went to the place he had advertised, and he was just what they wanted, and he would secure it at once. So he went to the office of the auctioneer, and told him that the place he had advertised was such a one as he desired, and he would purchase it. The auctioneer burst into a laugh, and told him that that was the description of his own house, which he had just sold. He read the advertisement again, pondered over the "grassy slopes," beautiful views, "a smooth lawn," &c., and broke out, "Is it possible! Well, make out my bill for advertising and expenses; for, by George I wouldn't sell the place now for three times what it cost me."

## THE SECOND COLONIAL SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.

**THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, all Steamers, and all other VESSELS, to the low rate of premium charged for all steamers risks, besides which a Brokerage of THREE PER CENT. AND ONE-THIRD PER CENT. (3 1/3%) on Local Risks only.**  
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
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